THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Persuing the cases by the C.B.I. in States

2574. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Invesigation has been permitted to pursue certain cases, without the permission of State Governments;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the CBI functions under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946;

(c) if so, what are the details of jurisdiction of the CBI;

(d) whether Government have issued instructions recently to the CBI to continue their exploits of investigations into the territory of other States, without their approval permission; and

(e) if so, since when and whether some State Governments have protested against this instruction of the CBI into their territory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946, the Central Bureau of Investigation may investigate all offences notified under section 3 thereof, in Union Territories. Such offences may be investigated in States also through notifications issued under section 5 of the Act, with the consent of the States under section 6.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Vacant Posts of Chief Vigilance Officers

2575. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Chief Vigilance Officers in different organisations of Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of posts of Chief Vigilance Officers have been lying vacant since long; if so, the reasons therefor, giving the details of posts lying vacant for more than five years, for two to five years, and for less than two years, separately; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to fill up these vacant posts and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Each organisation of the Government is required to have one Chief Vigilance Officer.

(b) Yes, Sir. Some of the posts of Chief Vigilance Officers in Central Public Sector Undertakings are located in various places in the country for which an adequate number of willing and suitable officers is not available for consideration. Also, in many cases, the cadre controlling authorities of officers selected as Chief Vigilance Officers, did not relieve the concerned officers for joining the posts.

The posts of Chief Vigilance Officers vacant for:

(1) more than 5 years	6
(2) two to five years	31
(3) less than two years	20

Details of the above posts are annexed. (*See* below)

(c) For filling up the vacant posts of Chief Vigilance Officers, names of suitable officers have been invited from the cadre controlling authorities of the Indian Police Service and various Group 'A' ser-